

Town of Seymour Parks Commission



Monthly Meeting - October 25, 2010

Members Present: Bob Lang, Bill Paecht, John Poeta

Members Absent: Joe Hernandez, Mike Gargano

Guests: Dennis Rozum, PW Director, Paul Roy, 1st Selectman, Sean Walsh, PW Chairman, Glenn Marston, Avon Park & Rec Director, Jack Moresko, Craig Zraggen, Bob Koskelowki Jr., PW

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by chairman, Bill Paecht

The September 27, 2010 minutes were approved. Motion by John, 2nd, Bob. All in favor,

Public Comment

Glen Marston gave a very informative presentation regarding grants & how to obtain them. Some sources of grant money include Land & Water Conservation Fund, U.S. Soccer Federation, National Football League, and STEAP. In order to have any success in obtaining grant money, our state senator & state representative must be on board and willing to fight for it. Grantors look favorably on matching funds. Another approach is to assess each person who uses the parks a yearly fee which would go into a dedicated account. We should contact SHS graduates who were on the football, soccer, or track teams and still have an attachment to their alma mater. The president of each graduating class has a database of graduates. Tom Hennessey, a member of the Wallingford BOE is a SHS graduate and is willing to help out. Another person to contact is Frank Cooper, a Seymour resident who is a member of the historical preservation commission. French Park is a unique, signature park which might qualify for funding. It's important to secure all permits such as P & Z and Inland Wetlands before you apply for the grants.

Public Works Director

Dennis Rozum and Bill Paecht have become members of the Connecticut Park & Recreation Association. Their monthly meetings are very informative.

Parks Chairman's Report

We should give thought to instituting a \$5 fee for all persons using the parks to go into a dedicated account.

Public Works Chairman

No comment

Applications for Approval

There were no new applications for 2010. Bob presented a revised 2011 application for our perusal. We will approve it at the November meeting.

Other Business

Bob reported that the EMS Lite scheduling software is missing much information. He will send an email to the person responsible about completing the project as soon as possible.

Field Usage Issues

None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM. Motion by John, 2nd, Bill.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lang
Secretary, Parks Commission